

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LORD JOHN TAYLOR OF WARWICK
U.K.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting – Copy of Proclamation declaring Lord Taylor of Warwick Day

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recognized LORD JOHN TAYLOR, the first Black member of British Parliament, for his accomplishments. As the son of a single, poor mother, LORD TAYLOR put himself through college and has always been an advocate for change, education and services for children. His motto is "Strive to be the best in the world and the best for the world." COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN read a portion of and presented LORD TAYLOR with a Proclamation declaring Wednesday, September 19, 2007, as Lord Taylor of Warwick Day. On behalf of the entire City Council, MAYOR GOODMAN proudly presented LORD TAYLOR with the Key to the City.

LORD TAYLOR humbly thanked the Council for this recognition. He said that, unfortunately, he was born at a time when there was a lot of racism in Britain. The dedication and prayers of his mother inspired him to never give up. In turn, he tries to inspire other youth.